

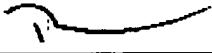
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This Response is in reply to an Election of Species Requirement contained in the Office Action dated March 20, 2006 concerning the subject patent application. A Petition for Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action accompanies this Amendment. Please charge any additional fees in connection with this Response or the Petition for Extension of Time to our Deposit Account No. No. 500748 in the name of Emery Jamieson.